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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Jörg HEIN et al.

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For: Connecting Element for Hollow Sections of  
Different Cross-Section

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**BOX: PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of  
the present application, please amend said application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 2, insert -BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-

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